I	enue Code of 1986 shall have the meaning given such
2	term by such section.
3	(2) Limitations on reduction.—No cost-shar-
4	ing reduction shall be allowed under this section with
5	respect to coverage for any month unless the month is
6	a coverage month with respect to which a credit is al-
7	lowed to the insured (or an applicable taxpayer on
8	behalf of the insured) under section 36B of such Code.
9	(3) Data used for eligibility.—Any deter-
10	mination under this section shall be made on the
11	basis of the taxable year for which the advance deter-
12	mination is made under section 1412 and not the tax-
13	able year for which the credit under section 36B of
14	such Code is allowed.
15	Subpart B—Eligibility Determinations
16	SEC. 1411. PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY
17	FOR EXCHANGE PARTICIPATION, PREMIUM
18	TAX CREDITS AND REDUCED COST-SHARING,
19	AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY EXEMP-
20	TIONS.
21	(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
22	shall establish a program meeting the requirements of this
23	section for determining—
24	(1) whether an individual who is to be covered
25	in the individual market by a qualified health plan

1	offered through an Exchange, or who is claiming of
2	premium tax credit or reduced cost-sharing, meets the
3	requirements of sections 1312(f)(3), 1402(e), and
4	1412(d) of this title and section 36B(e) of the Internal
5	Revenue Code of 1986 that the individual be a citizen
6	or national of the United States or an alien lawfully
7	present in the United States;
8	(2) in the case of an individual claiming a pre-
9	mium tax credit or reduced cost-sharing under section
10	36B of such Code or section 1402—
11	(A) whether the individual meets the income
12	and coverage requirements of such sections; and
13	(B) the amount of the tax credit or reduced
14	cost-sharing;
15	(3) whether an individual's coverage under an
16	employer-sponsored health benefits plan is treated as
17	unaffordable under sections $36B(c)(2)(C)$ and
18	5000A(e)(2); and
19	(4) whether to grant a certification under section
20	1311(d)(4)(II) attesting that, for purposes of the indi-
21	vidual responsibility requirement under section
22	5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, an indi-
23	vidual is entitled to an exemption from either the in-
24	dividual responsibility requirement or the penalty
25	imposed by such section.

1	(b) Information Required To Be Provided by Ap-
2	PLICANTS.—
3	(1) In general.—An applicant for enrollment
4	in a qualified health plan offered through an Ex-
5	change in the individual market shall provide—
6	(A) the name, address, and date of birth of
7	each individual who is to be covered by the plan
8	(in this subsection referred to as an "enrollee");
9	and
10	(B) the information required by any of the
11	following paragraphs that is applicable to an en-
12	rollee.
13	(2) Citizenship or immigration status.—The
14	following information shall be provided with respect
15	to every enrollee:
16	(A) In the case of an enrollee whose eligi-
17	bility is based on an attestation of citizenship of
18	the enrollee, the enrollee's social security number.
19	(B) In the case of an individual whose eligi-
20	bility is based on an attestation of the enrollee's
21	immigration status, the enrollee's social security
22	number (if applicable) and such identifying in-
23	formation with respect to the enrollee's immigra-
24	tion status as the Secretary, after consultation

1	with the Secretary of Homeland Security, deter-
2	mines appropriate.
3	(3) Eligibility and amount of tax credit or
4	REDUCED COST-SHARING.—In the case of an enrollee
5	with respect to whom a premium tax credit or re-
6	duced cost-sharing under section 36B of such Code or
7	section 1402 is being claimed, the following informa-
8	tion:
9	(A) Information regarding income and
10	FAMILY SIZE.—The information described in sec-
11	tion 6103(l)(21) for the taxable year ending with
12	or within the second calendar year preceding the
13	calendar year in which the plan year begins.
14	(B) Changes in circumstances.—The in-
15	formation described in section 1412(b)(2), in-
16	cluding information with respect to individuals
17	who were not required to file an income tax re-
18	turn for the taxable year described in subpara-
19	graph (A) or individuals who experienced
20	changes in marital status or family size or sig-
21	nificant reductions in income.
22	(4) Employer-sponsored coverage.—In the
23	case of an enrollee with respect to whom eligibility for
24	a premium tax credit under section 36B of such Code

or cost-sharing reduction under section 1402 is being

1	established on the basis that the enrollee's (or related
2	individual's) employer is not treated under section
3	36B(c)(2)(C) of such Code as providing minimum es-
4	sential coverage or affordable minimum essential cov-
5	erage, the following information:
6	(A) The name, address, and employer iden-
7	tification number (if available) of the employer.
8	(B) Whether the enrollee or individual is a
9	full-time employee and whether the employer
10	provides such minimum essential coverage.
11	(C) If the employer provides such minimum
12	essential coverage, the lowest cost option for the
13	enrollee's or individual's enrollment status and
14	the enrollee's or individual's required contribu-
15	tion (within the meaning of section
16	5000A(e)(1)(B) of such Code) under the em-
17	ployer-sponsored plan.
18	(D) If an enrollee claims an employer's
19	minimum essential coverage is unaffordable, the
20	information described in paragraph (3).
21	If an enrollee changes employment or obtains addi-
22	tional employment while enrolled in a qualified
23	health plan for which such credit or reduction is al-
24	lowed, the enrollee shall notify the Exchange of such

change or additional employment and provide the in-

l	formation described in this paragraph with respect to
2	the new employer.
3	(5) Exemptions from individual responsi-
4	BILITY REQUIREMENTS.—In the case of an individual
5	who is seeking an exemption certificate under section
6	1311(d)(4)(II) from any requirement or penalty im-
7	posed by section 5000A, the following information:
8	(A) In the case of an individual seeking ex-
9	emption based on the individual's status as a
10	member of an exempt religious sect or division,
11	as a member of a health care sharing ministry,
12	as an Indian, or as an individual eligible for a
13	hardship exemption, such information as the
14	Secretary shall prescribe.
15	(B) In the case of an individual seeking ex-
16	emption based on the lack of affordable coverage
17	or the individual's status as a taxpayer with
18	household income less than 100 percent of the
19	poverty line, the information described in para-
20	graphs (3) and (4), as applicable.
21	(c) VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
22	RECORDS OF SPECIFIC FEDERAL OFFICIALS.—
23	(1) Information transferred to sec-
24	RETARY.—An Exchange shall submit the information
25	provided by an applicant under subsection (b) to the

1	Secretary for verification in accordance with the re-
2	quirements of this subsection and subsection (d).
3	(2) CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION STATUS.—
4	(A) Commissioner of social security.—
5	The Secretary shall submit to the Commissioner
6	of Social Security the following information for
7	a determination as to whether the information
8	provided is consistent with the information in
9	the records of the Commissioner:
10	(i) The name, date of birth, and social
11	security number of each individual for
12	whom such information was provided under
13	subsection $(b)(2)$.
14	(ii) The attestation of an individual
15	that the individual is a citizen.
16	(B) SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECU-
17	RITY.—
18	(i) In General.—In the case of an in-
19	dividual—
20	(I) who attests that the individual
21	is an alien lawfully present in the
22	United States; or
23	(II) who attests that the indi-
24	vidual is a citizen but with respect to
25	whom the Commissioner of Social Se-

1	curity has notified the Secretary under
2	subsection (e)(3) that the attestation is
3	inconsistent with information in the
4	records maintained by the Commis-
5	sioner;
6	the Secretary shall submit to the Secretary
7	of Homeland Security the information de-
8	scribed in clause (ii) for a determination as
9	to whether the information provided is con-
10	sistent with the information in the records
11	of the Secretary of Homeland Security.
12	(ii) Information.—The information
13	described in clause (ii) is the following:
14	(I) The name, date of birth, and
15	any identifying information with re-
16	spect to the individual's immigration
17	status provided under subsection
18	(b)(2).
19	(II) The attestation that the indi-
20	vidual is an alien lawfully present in
21	the United States or in the case of an
22	individual described in clause (i)(II),
23	the attestation that the individual is a
24	citizen.

1	(3) Eligibility for tax credit and cost-
2	SHARING REDUCTION.—The Secretary shall submit
3	the information described in subsection (b)(3)(A) pro-
4	vided under paragraph (3), (4), or (5) of subsection
5	(b) to the Secretary of the Treasury for verification
6	of household income and family size for purposes of
7	eligibility.
8	(4) Methods.—
9	(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in con-
10	sultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the
11	Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Com-
12	missioner of Social Security, shall provide that
13	verifications and determinations under this sub-
14	section shall be done—
15	(i) through use of an on-line system or
16	otherwise for the electronic submission of,
17	and response to, the information submitted
18	under this subsection with respect to an ap-
19	plicant; or
20	(ii) by determining the consistency of
21	the information submitted with the infor-
22	mation maintained in the records of the
23	Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of
24	Homeland Security, or the Commissioner of

Social Security through such other method
 as is approved by the Secretary.

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(B) FLEXIBILITY.—The Secretary may modify the methods used under the program established by this section for the Exchange and verification of information if the Secretary determines such modifications would reduce the administrative costs and burdens on the applicant, including allowing an applicant to request the Secretary of the Treasury to provide the information described in paragraph (3) directly to the Exchange or to the Secretary. The Secretary shall not make any such modification unless the Secretary determines that any applicable requirements under this section and section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the confidentiality, disclosure, maintenance, or use of information will be met.

19 (d) VERIFICATION BY SECRETARY.—In the case of in20 formation provided under subsection (b) that is not required
21 under subsection (c) to be submitted to another person for
22 verification, the Secretary shall verify the accuracy of such
23 information in such manner as the Secretary determines
24 appropriate, including delegating responsibility for
25 verification to the Exchange.

1	(e) Actions Relating to Verification.—
2	(1) In General.—Each person to whom the Sec-
3	retary provided information under subsection (c)
4	shall report to the Secretary under the method estab-
5	lished under subsection (c)(4) the results of its
6	verification and the Secretary shall notify the Ex-
7	change of such results. Each person to whom the Sec-
8	retary provided information under subsection (d)
9	shall report to the Secretary in such manner as the
10	Secretary determines appropriate.
11	(2) Verification.—
12	(A) ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLLMENT AND
13	PREMIUM TAX CREDITS AND COST-SHARING RE-
14	DUCTIONS.—If information provided by an ap-
15	plicant under paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4)
16	of subsection (b) is verified under subsections (c)
17	and (d)—
18	(i) the individual's eligibility to enroll
19	through the Exchange and to apply for pre-
20	mium tax credits and cost-sharing reduc-
21	tions shall be satisfied; and
22	(ii) the Secretary shall, if applicable,
23	notify the Secretary of the Treasury under
24	section 1412(c) of the amount of any ad-
25	vance payment to be made.

1	(B) Exemption from individual respon-
2	SIBILITY.—If information provided by an appli-
3	cant under subsection (b)(5) is verified under
4	subsections (c) and (d), the Secretary shall issue
5	the certification of exemption described in section
6	1311(d)(4)(II).
7	(3) Inconsistencies involving attestation
8	OF CITIZENSHIP OR LAWFUL PRESENCE.—If the infor-
9	mation provided by any applicant under subsection
10	(b)(2) is inconsistent with information in the records
11	maintained by the Commissioner of Social Security
12	or Secretary of Homeland Security, whichever is ap-
13	plicable, the applicant's eligibility will be determined
14	in the same manner as an individual's eligibility
15	under the medicaid program is determined under sec-
16	tion 1902(ee) of the Social Security Act (as in effect
17	on January 1, 2010).
18	(4) Inconsistencies involving other infor-
19	MATION.—
20	(A) In General.—If the information pro-
21	vided by an applicant under subsection (b)
22	(other than subsection $(b)(2)$) is inconsistent
23	with information in the records maintained by
24	persons under subsection (c) or is not verified

under subsection (d), the Secretary shall notify

1	the Exchange and the Exchange shall take the
2	following actions:
3	(i) Reasonable effort.—The Ex-
4	change shall make a reasonable effort to
5	identify and address the causes of such in-
6	consistency, including through typo-
7	graphical or other clerical errors, by con-
8	tacting the applicant to confirm the accu-
9	racy of the information, and by taking such
10	additional actions as the Secretary, through
11	regulation or other guidance, may identify.
12	(ii) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO
13	CORRECT.—In the case the inconsistency or
14	inability to verify is not resolved under sub-
15	paragraph (A), the Exchange shall—
16	(I) notify the applicant of such
17	fact;
18	(II) provide the applicant an op-
19	portunity to either present satisfactory
20	documentary evidence or resolve the in-
21	consistency with the person verifying
22	the information under subsection (c) or
23	(d) during the 90-day period beginning
24	the date on which the notice required

1	under subclause (I) is sent to the ap-
2	plicant.
3	The Secretary may extend the 90-day pe-
4	riod under subclause (II) for enrollments oc-
5	curring during 2014.
6	(B) Specific actions not involving citi-
7	ZENSHIP OR LAWFUL PRESENCE.—
8	(i) In general.—Except as provided
9	in paragraph (3), the Exchange shall, dur-
10	ing any period before the close of the period
11	under subparagraph (A)(ii)(II), make any
12	determination under paragraphs (2), (3),
13	and (4) of subsection (a) on the basis of the
14	information contained on the application.
15	(ii) Eligibility or amount of cred-
16	IT OR REDUCTION.—If an inconsistency in-
17	volving the eligibility for, or amount of, any
18	premium tax credit or cost-sharing reduc-
19	tion is unresolved under this subsection as
20	of the close of the period under subpara-
21	graph (A)(ii)(II), the Exchange shall notify
22	the applicant of the amount (if any) of the
23	credit or reduction that is determined on
24	the basis of the records maintained by per-
25	sons under subsection (c).

1	(iii) EMPLOYER AFFORDABILITY.—If
2	the Secretary notifies an Exchange that an
3	enrollee is eligible for a premium tax credit
4	under section 36B of such Code or cost-shar-
5	ing reduction under section 1402 because
6	the enrollee's (or related individual's) em-
7	ployer does not provide minimum essential
8	coverage through an employer-sponsored
9	plan or that the employer does provide that
10	coverage but it is not affordable coverage,
11	the Exchange shall notify the employer of
12	such fact and that the employer may be lia-
13	ble for the payment assessed under section
14	4980II of such Code.
15	(iv) EXEMPTION.—In any case where
16	the inconsistency involving, or inability to
17	verify, information provided under sub-
18	section (b)(5) is not resolved as of the close
19	of the period under subparagraph
20	(A)(ii)(II), the Exchange shall notify an ap-
21	plicant that no certification of exemption
22	from any requirement or payment under
23	section 5000A of such Code will be issued.
24	(C) APPEALS PROCESS.—The Exchange

shall also notify each person receiving notice

1	under this paragraph of the appeals processes es-
2	tablished under subsection (f).
3	(f) APPEALS AND REDETERMINATIONS.—
4	(1) In General.—The Secretary, in consultation
5	with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of
6	Homeland Security, and the Commissioner of Social
7	Security, shall establish procedures by which the Sec-
8	retary or one of such other Federal officers—
9	(A) hears and makes decisions with respect
10	to appeals of any determination under subsection
11	(e); and
12	(B) redetermines eligibility on a periodic
13	basis in appropriate circumstances.
14	(2) EMPLOYER LIABILITY.—
15	(A) In general.—The Secretary shall es-
16	tablish a separate appeals process for employers
17	who are notified under subsection (e)(4)(C) that
18	the employer may be liable for a tax imposed by
19	section 4980H of the Internal Revenue Code of
20	1986 with respect to an employee because of a
21	determination that the employer does not provide
22	minimum essential coverage through an em-
23	ployer-sponsored plan or that the employer does
24	provide that coverage but it is not affordable cov-

1	erage with respect to an employee. Such process
2	shall provide an employer the opportunity to-
3	(i) present information to the Ex-
4	change for review of the determination ei-
5	ther by the Exchange or the person making
6	the determination, including evidence of the
7	employer-sponsored plan and employer con-
8	tributions to the plan; and
9	(ii) have access to the data used to
10	make the determination to the extent allow-
11	able by law.
12	Such process shall be in addition to any rights
13	of appeal the employer may have under subtitle
14	F of such Code.
15	$(B) \qquad Confidential Ity Notwith standing$
16	any provision of this title (or the amendments
17	made by this title) or section 6103 of the Inter-
18	nal Revenue Code of 1986, an employer shall not
19	be entitled to any taxpayer return information
20	with respect to an employee for purposes of de-
21	termining whether the employer is subject to the
22	penalty under section 4980II of such Code with
23	respect to the employee, except that—
24	(i) the employer may be notified as to
25	the name of an employee and whether or

1	not the employee's income is above or below
2	the threshold by which the affordability of
3	an employer's health insurance coverage is
4	measured; and
5	(ii) this subparagraph shall not apply
6	to an employee who provides a waiver (at
7	such time and in such manner as the Sec-
8	retary may prescribe) authorizing an em-
9	ployer to have access to the employee's tax-
10	payer return information.
11	(g) Confidentiality of Applicant Information.—
12	(1) In General.—An applicant for insurance
13	coverage or for a premium tax credit or cost-sharing
14	reduction shall be required to provide only the infor-
15	mation strictly necessary to authenticate identity, de-
16	termine eligibility, and determine the amount of the
17	credit or reduction.
18	(2) RECEIPT OF INFORMATION.—Any person who
19	receives information provided by an applicant under
20	subsection (b) (whether directly or by another person
21	at the request of the applicant), or receives informa-
22	tion from a Federal agency under subsection (c), (d),
23	or (e), shall—
24	(A) use the information only for the pur-
25	poses of, and to the extent necessary in, ensuring

1	the efficient operation of the Exchange, including
2	verifying the eligibility of an individual to enroll
3	through an Exchange or to claim a premium tax
4	credit or cost-sharing reduction or the amount of
5	the credit or reduction; and
6	(B) not disclose the information to any
7	other person except as provided in this section.
8	(h) PENALTIES.—
9	(1) False or fraudulent information.—
10	(A) CIVIL PENALTY.—
11	(i) In general.—If—
12	(I) any person fails to provides
13	correct information under subsection
14	(b); and
15	(II) such failure is attributable to
16	negligence or disregard of any rules or
17	regulations of the Secretary,
18	such person shall be subject, in addition to
19	any other penalties that may be prescribed
20	by law, to a civil penalty of not more than
21	\$25,000 with respect to any failures involv-
22	ing an application for a plan year. For
23	purposes of this subparagraph, the terms
24	"negligence" and "disregard" shall have the

1	same meanings as when used in section
2	6662 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
3	(ii) Reasonable cause exception.—
4	No penalty shall be imposed under clause
5	(i) if the Secretary determines that there
6	was a reasonable cause for the failure and
7	that the person acted in good faith.
8	(B) Knowing and willful violations.—
9	Any person who knowingly and willfully pro-
10	vides false or fraudulent information under sub-
11	section (b) shall be subject, in addition to any
12	other penalties that may be prescribed by law, to
13	a civil penalty of not more than \$250,000.
14	(2) Improper use or disclosure of informa-
15	TION.—Any person who knowingly and willfully uses
16	or discloses information in violation of subsection (g)
17	shall be subject, in addition to any other penalties
18	that may be prescribed by law, to a civil penalty of
19	not more than \$25,000.
20	(3) LIMITATIONS ON LIENS AND LEVIES.—The
21	Secretary (or, if applicable, the Attorney General of
22	the United States) shall not—
23	(A) file notice of lien with respect to any
24	property of a person by reason of any failure to
25	pay the penalty imposed by this subsection; or

1	(B) levy on any such property with respect
2	to such failure.
3	(i) STUDY OF ADMINISTRATION OF EMPLOYER RE-
4	SPONSIBILITY.—
5	(1) In General.—The Secretary of Health and
6	Human Services shall, in consultation with the Sec-
7	retary of the Treasury, conduct a study of the proce-
8	dures that are necessary to ensure that in the admin-
9	istration of this title and section 4980II of the Inter-
10	nal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by section 1513)
11	that the following rights are protected:
12	(A) The rights of employees to preserve their
13	right to confidentiality of their taxpayer return
14	information and their right to enroll in a quali-
15	fied health plan through an Exchange if an em-
16	ployer does not provide affordable coverage.
17	(B) The rights of employers to adequate due
18	process and access to information necessary to
19	accurately determine any payment assessed on
20	employers.
21	(2) Report.—Not later than January 1, 2013,
22	the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall re-
23	port the results of the study conducted under para-
24	graph (1), including any recommendations for legisla-
25	tive changes, to the Committees on Finance and

1	Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate
2	and the Committees of Education and Labor and
3	Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.
4	SEC. 1412. ADVANCE DETERMINATION AND PAYMENT OF
5	PREMIUM TAX CREDITS AND COST-SHARING
6	REDUCTIONS.
7	(a) In General.—The Secretary, in consultation with
8	the Secretary of the Treasury, shall establish a program
9	under which—
10	(1) upon request of an Exchange, advance deter-
11	minations are made under section 1411 with respect
12	to the income eligibility of individuals enrolling in a
13	qualified health plan in the individual market
14	through the Exchange for the premium tax credit al-
15	lowable under section 36B of the Internal Revenue
16	Code of 1986 and the cost-sharing reductions under
17	section 1402;
18	(2) the Secretary notifies—
19	(A) the Exchange and the Secretary of the
20	Treasury of the advance determinations; and
21	(B) the Secretary of the Treasury of the
22	name and employer identification number of
23	each employer with respect to whom 1 or more
24	employee of the employer were determined to be
25	eligible for the premium tax credit under section